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SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Dear Sir:

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Patent Examiner the attached Information Disclosure Statement, duly signed by Dr. Holger Potten, and the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto. The enclosed references are believed to be material to the examination of the above-identified application.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

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Information Disclosure Statement

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Sir or Madam:

I, Holger Potten, associated with the preparation and prosecution of the above-identified application, residing at Neubiberger Straße 17a, 81737 München, Germany, wish to call the attention of the Patent Examiner to the references enumerated on the enclosed PTO Form-1449.

I believe the documents enumerated on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto, are cited in the enclosed application and in the enclosed Office Action of the German Patent and Trademark Office and may be material to the examination of the application.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner and incorporated into the file of this application.

I wish to comment as follows concerning the prior art references enumerated on PTO Form-1449:

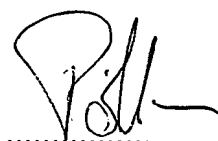
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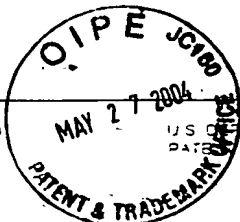
For DE 38 29 506 C2, cited in the application, an English Derwent Abstract is enclosed.

US 5,205,998, cited in the application, is enclosed.

US 6,412,756, cited in the application, is enclosed.

Signed this 26th day of February, 2004.


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Dr. Holger Potten

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	AA	5205998	4/27/93	Boone et al.			
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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